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In re the application of:

Applicant : Zimmerman *et al.*
Filing Date : January 13, 2004
Appl. No. : 10/747,647
Examiner : CINTINS, Ivars C.
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Docket No. : 223644-001194 (P5231DIV)
Customer No.: 28465

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 15, 2004 concerning the above captioned application, setting a non-extendable shortened statutory response date of July 15, 2005. Any fees due may be charged to deposit account No. 18-2284.

The style of this Amendment and follows the Notice in the Federal Register of June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38611-38630) amending 37 CFR 1.121. It appears to the Applicants that the Notice was triggered by filing of the divisional application without indication in the claims as to which claims should be examined (as previously not-elected) and which claims should be cancelled (as previously elected in the parent case. The amended claim set, complying with the requirements, begins at Page 3 of this Amendment and Response with those claims that should be examined designated as "Original."

Applicants have responded to the requirements of the Notice and believe that the application is now in a condition for examination. The Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned to clarify any additional technical issues or informalities that would otherwise hold up examination of this application.

It is not believed that any fees are due in connection with this amendment, but any required payments may be deducted, and any credits refunded, to Deposit Account No. 18-2284.

Respectfully submitted,

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